

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A computer system, comprising:

a computer device ~~that has~~ comprising a plurality of computer PCBAs printed circuit board assemblies (PCBAs);

a storage device that has a plurality of storage areas, which is coupled to the computer device over a network;

a management computer that manages the computer device and the storage device; and

a terminal device that is coupled to the management computer over the network, wherein:

~~wherein~~ the management computer includes a first table that associates user information with the storage areas,

~~wherein~~, when a [[use]] request ~~of the computer PCBA~~ for use including the user information is transmitted from the terminal device, the management computer selects an unused computer PCBA from the plurality of computer PCBAs, and returns a useable computer PCBA [[No.]] identification to the terminal device, and

~~wherein~~ the management computer allocates the storage area corresponding to the user information on the basis of the first table, and transmits an address that specifies the storage area to the computer device.

Claims 2-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) The computer system according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ wherein:

the management computer includes a ~~fourth~~ another table that registers identifier information for acquiring licensing of a use area of the storage device, and

~~wherein~~ the selected computer PCBA acquires the identifier information that is stored in ~~the fourth~~ said another table from the management computer, and transmits the acquired identifier information to the storage device, and the storage device determines whether the received identifier information is right, or not, and when the storage device determines that the identifier information is right, the selected computer PCBA uses the use area of the storage device.

17. (Currently amended) The computer system according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ wherein:

a second management computer that supplies a program for reading OS from the storage device to the computer PCBA is coupled over the network,

~~wherein the~~ a computer PCBA whose power is on acquires the program for reading the OS from the second management computer, and

the program acquires the user information and information of the storage area which are registered in the first table from the management computer.

18. (Currently amended) The computer system according to claim 1, further comprising a communication device that mediates a communication of the terminal device with the computer PCBA is coupled to the network ~~that is coupled to~~ which the terminal device and the computer device are coupled, wherein:

~~wherein~~ the communication device acquires first network information for communicating with the computer PCBA that is selected by the management computer,

~~wherein~~ the terminal device acquires second network information for communicating with the selected computer PCBA through the communication device, and

~~wherein~~ the terminal device and the communication device communicate with each other by using the second network information, and then the communication device and the computer PCBA communicate with each other by using the first network information, and the communication between the terminal device and the computer PCBA is conducted through the communication device.

Claims 19-21 (Cancelled)

22. (New) A computer system, comprising:

a computer device comprising a plurality of computer printed circuit board assemblies (PCBAs);

a plurality of terminal devices coupled to the each computer PCBA over a network;

a storage device that has a plurality of storage areas and coupled to the each computer PCBA over the network; and

a management computer that manages the one or more computer PCBAs and the storage device,

wherein the management computer:

(a) manages correspondence between user information and a storage area,

(b) selects a usable computer PCBA from the plurality of the computer PCBAs in response to a request for use of a computer PCBA including terminal device user information received from any one of the terminal devices,

(c) causes a start process of the selected computer PCBA to start, and

(d) notifies the one terminal device of information of the started computer PCBA and identification information on the network allocated to the started computer PCBA; and

wherein the selected computer PCBA retrieves information necessary for the start process from the storage area corresponding to the terminal device user information in the plurality of the storage areas of the storage device, and performs the start process based on the retrieved information.

23. (New) The computer system according to claim 22, wherein the management computer:

predetermines correspondence between the user information and information specifying the selected computer PCBA, and

refers to the correspondence predetermined when selecting the computer PCBA.

24. (New) The computer system according to claim 22, wherein the management computer:

manages correspondence among user information, information specifying the selected computer PCBA, and running information indicating whether the each computer PCBA is in a suspended mode,

searches the correspondence based on the user information included in the received request for use, and,

when a computer PCBA in the suspended mode is associated with the received user information, instructs the associated computer PCBA to return from the suspended mode.

25. (New) The computer system according to claim 24, wherein the management computer updates the running information of the associated computer PCBA, with respect to the correspondence, according to a return process of the computer PCBA instructed to return.

26. (New) The computer system according to claim 22, wherein the management computer:

(1) manages correspondence among user information, information specifying the selected computer PCBA, and running information indicating whether each computer PCBA is in a hibernation mode and

(2) manages whether each computer PCBA is in hibernation mode, and

wherein the management computer determines, when receiving the request for use of a computer PCBA, whether the computer PCBA is usable, based on the correspondence, whether the each computer PCBA is in hibernation mode, and the user information included in the request for use.

27. (New) The computer system according to claim 22, wherein the management computer:

manages whether each computer PCBA is suspended,

checks whether each computer PCBA is suspended, based on the user information included in the received request for use,

selects, when a suspended computer PCBA is associated with the user information received, the associated computer PCBA, and

controls the start process so that the selected computer PCBA performs a return process from the suspended state.

28. (New) The computer system according to claim 25, wherein the management computer further:

manages correspondence among attribute information, running status, and user information of each computer PCBA; and

selects, by reference to the correspondence, another computer PCBA having attribute information the same as the attribute information of a computer PCBA selected before hibernation, when the computer PCBA associated with the user information received is not usable.

29. (New) The computer system according to claim 28, wherein the management computer allocates, by reference to the correspondence, a computer PCBA having attribute information similar to the attribute information of the computer PCBA selected before the hibernation mode, when said another computer PCBA is not selectable.